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WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System, including the Jordan River and its tributaries.

The meeting was held in Room 122, State Capitol Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 21, 1976, at 3:00 p.m.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

Donald C. Norseth	Division of Water Rights
Edward D. Feldt	Division of Water Rights
C. F. Stillman	Kennecott Copper Corporation
James B. Lee	(Attorney) Kennecott Copper Corporation
Richard Carlquist	(President) Draper Irrigation Company
Leland W. Withers	(President) South Jordan Canal Company
Reed Mackay	(Superintendent) South Jordan Canal Co.
Vern H. Morgan	Utah & Salt Lake Canal Company
Alma Fairbourn	(President) East Jordan Irrigation Co.
Rell Swensen	North Jordan Irrigation Company
Charles W. Wilson	(Superintendent) North Salt Lake Water Dept.
David B. Gardner	(Commissioner) Utah Lake & Jordan River
Bill Marcovecchio	Director, East Jordan Canal
Stan H. Roberts, Jr.	Visitor, Provo River Commission

Those present but with no voting powers were David B. Gardner, Water Commissioner; Donald C. Norseth and Edward D. Feldt of the State Engineer's Office; and Michael Georgeson of the Central Utah Water Conservation District. It was determined by canvass of those present that there was adequate qualified representatives to form a quorum; therefore, the meeting was considered official.

Mr. Donald C. Norseth of the State Engineer's Office called the meeting to order and gave a brief review of water conditions throughout the state. He indicated that the lower Jordan District had met just prior to this meeting and questions and problems had arose over the fact that the Great Salt Lake was at

a record height (4,200.6 feet above MSL). There were questions asked if the Great Salt Lake continued to rise, whether the road to Antelope Island would be ~~inundated~~ ^{inundated}. He told this district that diversions were being made through the surplus canal to help alleviate some of this problem. He then asked the question that if the Provo Reservoir Canal Company diverted water from the Deer Creek Reservoir into the Jordan River above the Bay, could the water then be transferred through the Utah and Salt Lake Canal and discharged back into the Jordan River near the Kennecott Copper Corporation's property or if, in fact, this water could be spilled into the Jordan River below the Turner Dam. After much discussion regarding problems in icing and the lack of discharge facilities, it was deemed unadvisable to approve the idea of using the Utah and Salt Lake Canal and/or the river. It was also noted that if this water was to be spilled into the Jordan River at the Jordan Narrows, then flood conditions would occur in Salt Lake County through the area of Bluffdale to Murray. Mr. Norseth indicated that he would take these suggestions and advice under consideration and would notify this system as to the State Engineer's decision.

Mr. Norseth then turned the balance of the meeting over ~~the~~ the existing Chairman, Mr. Charles W. Wilson. Mr. Wilson indicated the first order of business was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary for this meeting. Mr. Withers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Swensen, that Mr. Charles W. Wilson act as Chairman with Mr. David B. Gardner acting as Secretary. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then asked all members present to review the January 16, 1975 minutes. A motion was then made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Carlquist, that the minutes be approved. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson indicated the next order of business was the review of the

financial statement submitted to the membership by the State Engineer's Office. Mr. Norseth of the State Engineer's Office reviewed this statement with the members and indicated that this district was the only one in the State that had no problems with the collecting of assessments. He congratulated all the members present for their outstanding work in doing so. A motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Fairbourn, that the financial statement be accepted and made a part of these minutes. Motion was voted and passed unanimously.

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1975

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds - January 1, 1975: \$ 3,187.72

B. Receipts and Expenditures:

1. Receipts

(a) Regular Assessments \$ 21,515.53

(b) Delinquent Collections 1.00

(c) Total Receipts 21,516.53

2. Total Expenditures \$ 20,714.45

C. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds - December 31, 1975: \$ 3,989.80

Mr. Wilson indicated that he felt that the Distribution Trust Fund was as low as it should get and proposed that no additional monies be drawn from this fund for use in next year's budget. No vote was taken, but it was generally accepted by all the members present.

Mr. Wilson indicated the next order of business was the election of

a Water Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for the recommendation to the State Engineer. A motion was made by Mr. Stillman, seconded by Mr. Swensen, that David B. Gardner be recommended for the position of Commissioner of the Utah Lake and Jordan River and that Jack B. Rindlisbach be recommended as his Deputy Commissioner for the period of January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976, or until a successor be appointed and qualified. Motion voted and passed unanimously. The salaries and expenses of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner were submitted next. The Commissioner's salary was set at \$7,500 per year, payable in twelve equal monthly installments for such portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said system and to file with the State Engineer's Office an annual report of said distribution system. In addition to the above salary, the district shall pay \$15.00 per month telephone bill, \$30.00 office rent, and automobile expenses of \$.15 per mile while on official duty. The Deputy Commissioner's salary was set at \$8,000 per year, payable in twelve equal monthly installments. The district shall pay an automobile expense of \$.15 per mile while on official duty. Mr. Rindlisbach, Deputy Water Commissioner, shall be granted two weeks vacation to be taken prior to June 1st or after August 15th. All vacation time must be approved in advance by Commissioner Gardner. Mr. Rindlisbach shall also be allowed some weekends off during the summertime; these dates also to be approved by Commissioner Gardner. In addition, the district shall pay full retirement contribution from the district's fund for both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner. Motion was made by Mr. Carlquist, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the above salary and expenses be accepted by the district. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then indicated the next order of business was the election of a committee to represent the Water Users of said district and to transact any

business with the State Engineer's Office on behalf of the Water Users for the year 1976. The committee so selected is as follows:

Charles W. Wilson
Richard Carlquist
Alma Fairbourn
Charles F. Stillman
David B. Gardner

A motion was made by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Withers, that these men act as the committee. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then indicated the next order of business was the setting of a budget for 1976. The budget so proposed is as follows:

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

<u>Budget Item No.</u>	<u>Description of Budget-Item</u>	
1.	Commissioner's Salary	\$ 7,500.00
1-C	Matching Social Security Tax	439.00
1-F	State Retirement Contribution	829.00
2.	Deputy Commissioner's Salary	8,000.00
2-C	Matching Social Security Tax	468.00
2-F	State Retirement Contribution	884.00
3.	Commissioner's Travel Expense \$.15/Mile	600.00
4.	Deputy Commissioner's Travel Expense \$.15/Mile	500.00
5.	Commissioner's Telephone Expense	180.00
6.	New Equipment Expense	500.00
7.	Bonds & Insurance Premiums	150.00
8.	Commissioner's Annual Report (1975)	550.00
9.	Office Supplies	100.00
10.	Miscellaneous & Contingency Fund	150.00
11.	Office Rent	360.00
12.	Health Insurance Contribution	924.00
12.	Contractual Services	700.00
	TOTAL	\$ 22,834.00

A motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Swensen, that the budget be adopted and that an assessment be made by the State Engineer's Office to all the users in the amount of \$22,834.00. In addition, the State Engineer shall be authorized to use any surplus or bank balance remaining to the credit of the association on December 31, 1975, to meet expenses until such time as the 1975 assessments are collected, and that the State Engineer be authorized to charge a 10% penalty on all assessment accounts that are sixty days delinquent. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson indicated that the next order of business was to have Mr. David B. Gardner report to the users as to the water outlook for the year 1976. That report is as follows:

The following is the facts and figures concerning Utah Lake for the year of 1975. On January 1, 1975, the Utah Lake elevation was a -1.84 feet below compromise. As of January 1, 1976, the lake was a -0.04 feet below compromise which indicates that the lake is 1.80 feet higher for the same period a year ago. As of January 21, 1976, the lake elevation was +0.12 feet above compromise.

Between October 15, 1974 and February 10, 1975, the gates at Utah Lake were closed, thus holding all water in storage in Utah Lake, and after February 10, these gates, together with those at the Jordan Narrows, were open and the Jordan River then ran in a free flow state. The irrigation needs for the district were supplied by gravity fed water to May 18. At that time, pumping was required through to June 19. On that date, the lake increased in elevation great enough to again supply the irrigators with gravity flow water and the gates were again opened and the pumps turned off. This continued through July 25, and at that time, the gates were closed and the pumps once again started. Again on October 1, the irrigation demands were light enough that the gates were again opened and the pumps turned off and the remaining irrigation needs were supplied by gravity flow. From that date to the present, the gates at Utah Lake and the Jordan Narrows, together with the sluice gates at the Narrows, have been open.

The water outlook for Utah Lake & Jordan River Distribution System is again considered excellent for the year 1976 with the Utah Lake having the storage of 894,200 Acre Feet as of January 1, 1976; which is 65,800 Acre Feet higher than the same period of 1975. The January Snow Survey from the U. S. Weather Bureau indicates that the overall drainage directed of Utah Lake is about 120% of the 15-year average.

At this time, I am presenting to this water district, the names of two Salt Lake County men serving as Commissioners on the Utah Lake & Jordan River Dam Commission, Mr. Seymour J. Godfrey and Mr. Richard Carlquist. In addition, I am submitting the name of Mr. Ward C. Holbrook as Umpire for the Commission. I would appreciate it if this Board would please vote to accept these men to continue their work with the Dam Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Swensen, that these three men be reappointed to the Utah Lake & Jordan River Dam Commission for the year 1976. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Norseth then made mention to those present that the Utah Water Users Association had asked that each district pay 5% of the water budget for their share of an assessment made to run the Utah Water Users Association. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Utah Water Users Association representative send a written request to this district in care of its chairman, Mr. Wilson, for the needed assessment so as this could properly be introduced as part of the budget. The motion was voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then reported to those present on the progress of the Provo/Jordan Parkway, of which he is a member. He indicated that the majority of the monies allocated for this project was spent on the Northern Sector and they were working in conjunction with a corps of engineers in this area. He personally felt that it would be at least five years before there was any definite progress made regarding the Lampton Lake Reservoir, but the Parkway authorities did feel that the two dam systems on the Jordan River was the best use. He also indicated that there were people on the Provo River Sector that were interested in the potential recreational facilities to be built on the Provo River itself. He promised to keep the members of this board informed as to its overall progress.

Mr. Wilson then asked if there was any additional business to be brought before this body, there being none, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:00 p.m.